

March 11, 2013

To: House Committee on Rules

Representative Chris Garrett, Chair

Re: HB 2199, Ballot Security - SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a non-partisan, grass roots political organization that supports and encourages informed citizen participation in government. The League recognizes that election procedures and voter information are critical elements in an informed and participatory electorate. We support HB 2199 which provides specific procedures and policies for securing unused ballots.

The League believes that citizens are entitled to elections where every effort is made to preserve ballot secrecy in order to prevent fraud. The Vote by Mail system has worked well, and the provisions for security and secrecy in the proposed legislation will enhance it.

The League encourages the committee to move HB 2199 forward.

Thank you for this opportunity to support HB 2199.

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